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FOR EUR/EX CLARK AND CA/FS/EUR FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF SECOND ADMIN OFFICER

1. WITH OUR ABLE SECOND ADMIN OFFICER JOSEPH HULINGS SCHEDULED LEAVE HELSINKI SEPTEMBER 15 FOR RUSSIAN LANGUAGE TRAINING, I FRANTICALLY URGE DEPT IMMEDIATELY SELECT A HIGHLY COMPETENT REPLACEMENT. HULINGS HAS BEEN BEARING MUCH MORE THAN HIS SHARE OF ADMIN WORKLOAD, AND THIS EMBASSY URGENTLY NEEDS VERSATILE AND EQUALLY "CAN-DO" OFFICER CAPABLE OF PICKING UP HULINGS' RESPONSIBILITIES. I CANNOT STRESS TOO HIGHLY THE IMPORTANCE TO THIS MISSION OF VIGOROUS SECOND OFFICER CAPABLE OF PERFORMING ALL TYPES OF ADMIN WORK. MAY I REMIND DEPT WE STILL ARE REQUIRED TO SERVE USSR. FAILURE TO HEED OUR DILEMMA WILL AFFECT TWO MISSIONS.

2. AS STATED TO EUR/EX CLARK, GAP IN FILLING HULINGS' SHOES IS VERY RISKY AND I THEREFORE URGE THAT HIS REPLACEMENT ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15. I REALIZE THAT THIS IS SHORT LEAD TIME, BUT HULINGS IS BEING TAKEN FROM US ON SHORT NOTICE TOO. PERHAPS SOME WELL QUALIFIED REPLACEMENT FOR HULINGS CAN BE FOUND AMONG OFFICERS ALREADY EARMARKED FOR TRANSFER IN THE NEXT SIX WEEKS WHOSE PRESENT ONGOING ASSIGNMENTS ARE TO A LESS CHALLENGING POSITION THAN THE ONE WHICH WILL OPEN UP HERE ON HULINGS' DEPARTURE.

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3. I MUST HAVE AN EARLY AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO THIS

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